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SUBJECT: SWEDEN SEEMS TO HAVE RECOGNIZED NEW CHILEAN REGIME

1. ONLY OFFICIAL COMMENT SO FAR RE SWEDEN'S RELATIONS WITH CHILEAN JUNTA CAME IN RADIO INTERVIEW WITH FORNMIN WICKMAN SEPT 24. ASKED WHETHER SWEDEN WOULD "RECOGNIZE" THE NEW REGIME, HE SAID: "AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO SUCH PLANS. WE MAINTAIN PRACTICAL CONNECTIONS WITH THEM TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR AMBASSADOR EDELSTAM TO CARRY ON ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE BOTH TO SWEDEN AND FOR OTHERS IN CHILE. SWEDEN IS FUNCTIONING AS PROTECTING POWER FOR CUBA."

2. REPORTER NOTED THAT THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN STOCKHOLM HAS LEFT HIS POST AND ASKED WHETHER THAT MEANS SWEDEN WILL RECEIVE A NEW AMBASSADOR NAMED BY THE JUNTA. "THIS QUESTION HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT IN A SITUATION WHERE WE WANT EDELSTAM TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE

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WE CANNOT REFUSE TO KEEP CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE JUNTA."

REPORTER: CONSEQUENTLY, SWEDEN WILL SAY YES TO A JUNTA REPRESENTATIVE.

WICKMAN: THIS HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED, BUT WE MUST HAVE PRACTICAL RELATIONS WITH THEM.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WICKMAN APPROACHED SUBJECT IN CIRCLES IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT SWEDEN HAS NO INTENTION OF BREAKING OFF RELATIONS WITH JUNTA. SWEDEN HAS MAINTAINED CONSISTENCY IN ITS POLICY OF AVOIDING USING DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AS SIGNAL OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF A GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH ALLENDE PARTISANS WILL COMPLAIN, GOS WILL NOT BE UNDER SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE RE CHILE.
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